BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTING AND FUNDING RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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Business Incubators

Business incubators provide an opportunity to share equipment and facility resources for emerging businesses and provide a variety of support services for entrepreneurs and start-up businesses.

Fayetteville Business Center 910-222-8900
Tabor City Business Incubator 910-642-7054
Whiteville Business Development Center 910-642-7054

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

www.cfda.gov

The Catalog describes federal domestic assistance programs, financial and non-financial assistance programs administered by various departments and agencies of the federal government.

Chambers of Commerce www.chambersofcommerce.org

Chambers of Commerce are located throughout the state and provide small business information and assistance.

College Foundation of North Carolina

www.cfnc.org

A nonprofit partnership between Pathways of North Carolina, College Foundation, Inc., and the North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority that helps students prepare for college and find the best financial aid alternatives.

Council of Governments

Cape Fear Council of Governments, Wilmington	910-395-4553	www.capefearcog.org
Eastern Carolina Council of Governments, New Bern	252-638-3185	www.eccog.org
Lumber River Council of Governments, Lumberton	910-618-5533	www.lrcog.dst.nc.us
Mid-Carolina Council of Governments, Fayetteville	910-323-4191	http://mccog.org/

Corporation for National and Community Service

www.cns.gov/

Engages Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to help strengthen communities.

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Economic Development Directors

Chuck Heustess, Bladen County	910-862-6755
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James Hinkle, Columbus County	910-640-6608
Woody Brinson, Duplin County	910-296-2180
Gregory Cummings, Robeson County	910-739-7584
John Swope, Sampson County	910-582-8921
The Cumberland County Business Council	910-483-3408
Wilmington Industrial Development Council	910-763-8414
Pender County Economic Development Alliance	910-259-1785

Fannie Mae www.fanniemae.com

Fannie Mae's goal is to help families achieve the American Dream of homeownership.

First Gov www.firstgov.gov

A public/private partnership created to connect citizens with U.S. government information and services

The Foundation Center www.fdncenter.org

A private, non-profit that helps grant seekers identify possible resources and guides them through the application process

Grant Writer Support Group

ihills@eccog.org

The Eastern Carolina Council of Governments offers a grant writers support group for information and assistance with grant writing. Contact Judy Hills for more information

The Institute of Minority Economic Development

www.ncimed.com

A non-profit organization that represents the interest of underdeveloped and underutilized sectors of North Carolina's economic base

The Institute of Museum and Library Services

www.imls.gov

IMLS is an independent federal grant-making agency that promotes leadership, innovation, and a lifetime of learning by supporting the nation's museums and libraries.

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The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College, Fayetteville

www.methodists.edu/cfe/

The Center for Entrepreneurship at Methodist College advocates entrepreneurship as a significant economic force in the local and national economy. It sponsors two important annual events - Economic Outlook Symposium in the fall and Stock Market Symposium in the spring. Contact the Center at 910-630-7000 for more information.

Minority Business Development Agency

www.mdba.gov

Focused on empowering minority business enterprises for the purpose of wealth creation in minority communities

National Association of Community Health Centers

www.nachc.com

A resource for information on meeting the needs of America's medically underserved communities

National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property

www.nasasp.org/v4/

NASASP offers information on federal surplus property and equipment available to eligible federal, state and selected non-profit agencies for a minimal service charge.

The North Carolina State Surplus Property Agency

www.surpluspropertydivision.com

You can also contact the State Surplus Property Agency at 919-854-2160

The National Endowment for the Humanities

www.neh.gov

NEH is an independent grant-making agency dedicated to supporting research, education, preservation, and public programs in the humanities

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

www.nhtsa.gov

NHTSA is responsible for reducing deaths, injuries and economic losses resulting from motor vehicle crashes

The National Institutes of Health

www.nih.gov

A federal bio-medical research agency whose mission is to uncover new methods and technologies that will lead to better health

The National Park Service

www.nps.gov

The NPS preserves the natural and cultural resources and values of the national park system

The National Science Foundation

www.nsf.gov

An independent agency that promotes the progress of science; advances the nation's health, prosperity and welfare

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North Carolina Association of Community Development Corporations (CDC) www.ncacdc.org

NC CDC's goal is to empower low and moderate income people to improve their quality of life. They offer information, technical

assistance, training, advocacy, and a variety of services to reach those goals.

Cape Fear Regional CDC, Wilmington
910-762-7555
Countywide CDC, Wilmington
910-383-1724
Cumberland Regional Improvement Corporation, Fayetteville
910-483-6439
Columbus County DREAM Center
910-642-0633
Kingdom CDC, Fayetteville
910-484-2722
NC Coalition of Farm and Rural Families, Fayetteville
910-860-9948
Sampson County CDC, Clinton
910-7555
www.cfrcdc.org
910-483-6439
910-642-0633
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910-860-9948

The North Carolina Center for Non-profits

www.ncnonprofits.org

The NC Center for Non-profits seeks to promote and strengthen the non-profit sector

The North Carolina Department of Administration

www.doa.state.nc.us

The State's Purchase and Contract Division, Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Office, Construction Office, Division of Veteran Affairs, as well as others, are housed at the Department of Administration.

The State of North Carolina

www.ncgov.com

A directory for State government, with a search engine and links to state agencies

The Governor's Crime Commission

www.gcc.state.nc.us

The Governor's Crime Commission's mission is to improve the quality of life for all North Carolinians, enhance public safety and reduce and prevent crime

The North Carolina Housing and Finance Agency

www.nchfa.com

A self-supporting public agency established to create affordable housing opportunities for North Carolinians. It offers a variety of programs from new homes to urgent repair and rehabilitation programs.

The North Carolina Humanities Council

www.nchumanities.org

The Council's mission is to share and understand the state's cultural diversity. It offers three different grant programs.

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The North Carolina Housing Coalition

www.nchousing.org

A private, non-profit organization working for safe, decent affordable housing. It promotes self-determination and stable communities for low-income North Carolinians.

The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Inc.

www.ncruralcenter.org

North Carolina's leading rural development organization. The Rural Center provides a variety of resources including information, technical assistance, leadership development programs, grant and loan programs.

Sallie Mae www.salliemae.com

Dedicated to helping students plan for and pay for higher education

Self-Help www.self-help.org

A community development lender that provides financial services to homebuyers, small businesses, and non-profits. Its services reach people underserved by traditional lenders, particularly minorities, women, rural residents, and low-wealth families.

Headquarters800-476-7428Fayetteville Branch910-354-1010Southeastern Regional Office, Wilmington910-341-3272

The Small Business Administration

www.sba.gov

Provides financial, technical and management assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their businesses. SBA also offers disaster relief programs. SBA generates an annual North Carolina Small Business Resource Guide which provides a wealth of information. Contact the North Carolina District Office at 704-344-6563 to obtain a copy.

The Small Business Technology and Development Center

www.sbtdc.org

The SBTDC provides management counseling and educational services to help North Carolina businesses meet challenges, manage change and plan for the future. SBTDC counselors offer assistance with developing and writing business plans, export assistance, e-business, and assistance in a variety of other areas.

SBTDC Procurement and Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)

www.sbtdc.org/services/gov_procurement.asp

PTAC assists North Carolina businesses — including disadvantaged, veteran, and woman-owned businesses — in obtaining and performing under federal, state and local government contracts. PTAC provides procurement and technical assistance on selling products and/or services to the government.

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Small Business Centers

The Small Business Center Network of the North Carolina Community College System aims to increase the success rate and number of profitable businesses in North Carolina by providing high quality, readily accessible assistance to prospective and existing small business owners and employees. Each center is community based and provides education and training, counseling, information, and referral.

Bladen Community College, Dublin	910-869-5588
Brunswick Community College, Supply	910-755-7388
Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington	910-362-7469
Fayetteville Technical Community College, Fayetteville	910-678-8496
James Sprunt Community College, Kenansville	910-296-2431
Robeson Community College, Lumberton	910-618-5680
Sampson Community College, Clinton	910-592-8081
Southeastern Community College, Whiteville	910-642-7141

SpinNC www.spinnc.org

Provides a comprehensive location for information on services and resources in Southeastern North Carolina

The University of North Carolina

www.northcarolina.edu

Detailed information on the State's 16-campus university system

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development

www.rurdev.usda.gov/nc

Provides assistance to rural North Carolinians. The office provides technical and financial services including affordable housing, community facilities and business development grants and loans.

The U.S. Department of Commerce

www.doc.gov

The U.S. Department of Commerce encourages, serves and promotes international trade, economic growth and technological advancement. Additionally, the DOC promotes national economic development.

The Economic Development Administration

www.eda.gov

An agency of the DOC, the EDA provides grants for public works and development facilities. It also provides planning, coordination, economic adjustment and other financial assistance to reduce substantial and persistent unemployment in economically distressed areas. North Carolina is served by the EDA Atlanta Region office.

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www.ed.gov

Provides information on available discretionary and formula grants. Also provides information for federal financial aid an loan programs for college and graduate school students.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

www.hhs.gov/grantsnet

Provides information on grants aimed at protecting the public health

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

www.hud.gov

HUD's mission is to provide decent and safe homes for every American. It provides housing assistance, rehabilitates homes and works with homebuyers and communities.

Information on HUD's faith-based efforts can be found at www.hud.gov/offices/fbci/index.cfm

HUD's Community Connections

www.comcon.org

Community Connections is the information center for HUD's Community Planning and Development Division. It serves state and local agencies, non-profits, public interest groups, and others interested in housing and community development issues.

The U.S. Department of the Interior

www.doi.gov

The Department of Interior's mission is to protect and provide access to our nation's natural and cultural heritage and honor our trust and responsibilities to Indian tribes. The department is also responsible for historic preservation and national parks.

The U.S. Department of Justice

www.usdojgov www.ojp.usdoj.gov

Office of Justice Programs Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Bureau of Justice Assistance

www.cops.usdoj.gov www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA

National Criminal Justice Reference Service

www.ncjrs.org

The U.S. Department of Labor

www.dol.gov

The DOL seeks to improve American working conditions and advance opportunities for profitable employment. Information about the department's faith-based efforts can be found at www.dol.gov/cfbci

The U.S. Department of Transportation

www.dot.gov

The DOT establishes the nation's transportation policy. The department offers some contracting opportunities.

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The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

www.va.gov

The department oversees the nation's veteran benefits services

The U.S. General Services Administration

www.gsa.gov

Helps federal agencies better serve the public by offering at best value, acquisition services and management policies. The GSA also offers contracting opportunities

The Women's Business Center

www.onlinewbc.gov

Promotes the growth of women-owned businesses through a variety of programs and services

The Women's Center of Fayetteville

www.wcof.org

Provides a full range of training and counseling services for aspiring and existing women business owners in North Carolina. It also provides financial consulting, loan packaging and contracting assistance for small businesses.

Veteran Business Development Officer

704-344-6587

Provides assistance for veterans who wish to start their own business or veterans already in business